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Hello again: The previous issue of this newsletter was dated September 8. As some of you know, I have been extremely busy putting together a book. It will be titled something like "Echoes of Conspiracy: The Hidden Dimensions of the JFK Assassination," by Peter Scott, myself, Russ Stetler, and Tink Thompson. It has been proceeding normally, with the normal unexpected delays. We don't have a definite production schedule at the moment, but we hope it will be published in a few months. Watch for it! I think it'll have something to interest everyone, and something for everyone to disagree with.

Current developments: By all accounts, not much is going on, especially in Washington. A letter from Rep. Fithian's office gives little encouragement on such matters as the future release of any HSCA material. No news on the acoustics has reached me.

I'm a bit more out of touch than usual - I've had time to read only the S.F. Chronicle, not even the NYT or the Post. Please send clippings; your contributions will be passed on to a small but (relatively) influential audience! And if you want to circulate your ideas on what we should be doing, let me know.

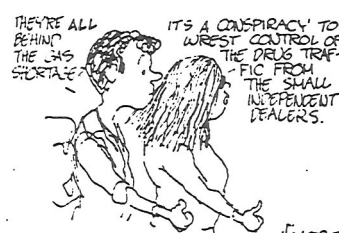
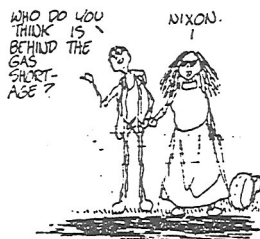
FBI files: The U.C. Berkeley library now has the original 100,000-page FBI release on microfilm. The film is pretty cumbersome to work with, but there are a few people here who might be able to help with specific research projects (especially if the approximate dates of the documents sought are known).

Indexes: Sylvia and Gary Owens have now sent me indexes to all 12 of the JFK volumes, plus the 2 volumes on Legislative and Administrative Reform (and, of course, the Report). I've tried to keep my interested correspondents supplied with the latest indexes, but if you are missing any, please ask for them. (Some indexes will be sent only on special request - Leg.-II, VII with both the medical and firearms parts together, and revised versions of II and XI.) Arrangements have been made for the publication of the indexes by Scarecrow Press, hopefully early next year.

Clippings:

- * (1) 4 Nov 73 National Tattler [1 p.] "Evidence Mounts that FBI Seized JFK-MMM [Monroe] Photos" (Nothing naughty - her singing "Happy Birthday in May 1962.)
- (2) 4 Nov 73 National Tattler [2 pp.] "Marilyn & Her Murderers" (Speculation by Messick et al.)
- *** (3) 19 Mar 78 Golz (DMN) [1 p.] "Army apparently didn't tell Commission of Oswald's alias" (Interesting details. Lt. Hill says the Army probably got their info from the Texas DPS. Sure!)
- ** (4) Dec 1978 American Opinion (Paul Scott) [3 pp., partly illegible] "Martin Luther King Jr. and the Tapes" (Some details new to me.)
- ** (5) 5 Jan 79 U.S. Labor Party Paper [1 p.] "Kennedy-King Assassins [and their 'hired pen' Mark Lane] Running House Panel's New Cover-up" (by Jeffrey Steinberg) (Yes, it is possible to libel Mark Lane!)
- * (6) May 1979 Boston Magazine [1 p.] Letter from Barbara Veneri, critical of AIB's attitude towards female persons. (I don't yet have the 3/79 article to which this is a response.)
- * (7) 1979 [July?] Commentary by Donald Morris [1 p.] "JFK slaying report national disgrace" (Bad stuff.)
- ** (8) 22 Aug 79 LA Times [4 pp.] Two pieces by Charles Nicodemus, Chicago Sun-Times: "Newly Opened Files Shed Added Light on FBI's [COINTELPRO] 'War'" Much from the Chicago files, obtained by Alliance to End Repression et al.
- ** (9) 25 Aug-1 Sep 79 Nation [4 pp.] "The L.E.I.U. - McCarthyism by Computer," by Linda Valentino and Greg Goldin
- (**) (10) 29 Aug 79 Bob Kaiser (NYT) in DMN [1 p.] "'JFK autopsy pictures' offered for sale"
- ** (11) Sept 1979 Grassy Knoll Gazette [2 pp.] Peter Scott review of Moldea book
- ***? (12) 2 Sep 79 S.F. Chronicle [4 pp.] "The Bitter Truth About the Mobs (Nobody knows what's going on)" By Nicholas Pileggi. A pro-surveillance piece. No mention of the assassination, but this is a position that I expected to be buttressed by the HSCA report.

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- (13) 9 Sep 79 WPost [2 pp.] Tim Robinson on new CIA documents re MKCHAOS
 (14) 10 Sep 79 Inquiry [3 pp.] "Libel law: New thorns in the thicket" (Hentoff)
 (15) 10 Sep 79 Inquiry [3 pp.] In review of book on China: "Late in 1943 Roosevelt ordered the preparation of a plan to assassinate Chiang." Another one! (Review by Barton Bernstein of book by Michael Schaller.)
 *** (16) 10 Sep 79 San Mateo Times [1 p.] Re Blakey speech to conference of investigative reporters. "The mob did it" is the most coherent theory, he said. Strong complaints about press coverage of HSC.
 * (17) 10 Sep 79 NY [6 pp.] "An Army in Exile," by Jeff Stein. (Re anti-Castro Cubans in the NY area. They sound like nasty people.)
 * (18) 10 Sep 79 NY [1 p.] "How PLO-Young Talk Was Traced" (by NSA)
 (19) 15 Sep 79 Washington Spectator (Tristram Coffin's newsletter) [2 pp] "The Cover-Up of an Old Wound" (Re Blahut, Trowbridge Ford, Peter Scott, etc.)
 - ** (20) 22 Sep 79 New Republic [2 pp.] "The case of the missing [MLK] footnotes. Conspiracies' End" Typical Tom Bethell
 *** (21) 22-3 Sep 79 Miami Herald [1 p.] Antonio Veciana shot in the head; recovering; blames Castro.
 (22) 30 Sep 79 Inquiry [3 pp.] Fred Landis on Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies ("Ivory Tower for Old Spooks")
 (23) 4 Oct 79 WSJ [2 pp.] "Experts Fear that U.S. Loses Espionage Battle with the Soviet Union" (David Ignatius)
 - ** (24) 7 Oct 79 DMN (Scene) [9 pp.] "Defenders of the FBI" (Si Dunn) Interviews of Gemberling, Shanklin, Brown et al.
 (25) 12 Oct 79 American Medical News [5 pp.] "Examiner is firm: heart disease fatal to Presley" (but Wecht disagrees)
 (26) 14 Oct 79 San Jose Mercury [1 p.] Robert Varona complains that the SS is asking him if he intends to kill Fidel; the government trained him to do that 18 years ago. (This is Robert DeVarona, not Tony V.)
 *** (27) 15 Oct 79 Inquiry [6 pp.] "Who Killed John Paisley?" (by Jeff Goldberg)
 * (28) 16 Oct 79 WP [1 p.] Maxine Cheshire on JG's Paisley article - Plumbers link
 *** (29) 20 Oct 79 NYT [1 p.] Editorial "Remembering Kennedy, and Dallas"
 ** (30) 23 Oct 79 The news from Dallas (Eddowes) is called 'repellent.'
 SFC [1 p.] "Expanded Usage of a Racketeer Law" (RICO) (by Anthony Marro) Blakey quoted as having no problems with the law; Marro has.
 * (31) 25 Oct 79 Pittsburg P-G [2 pp.] "Wecht's Consulting Eye of Storm"
 (32) 19 Nov 79 NY [1 p.] (Nobile) Wm. Sullivan said to have left good stuff out of his book, and given it to L. Farago for his Hoover bio.

Clippings re Eddowes: (Rated *** as a phenomenon, no stars for content.) I have taped, but not transcribed, some of the totally astounding coverage on radio and TV, both local and national. It was the lead story all over the place; not only did most people not cite the HSC's evidence in rebuttal, they were saying things like: the HSC thought there was a conspiracy, but found no solid evidence. Really bizarre.

- (33) 19 Oct AP in Berkeley Gazette [all these are 1 p. unless specified]
 (34) 19 Oct AP in DMN (35): AP in Seattle Times (36) UP in SFC
 (37) 19 Oct Golz in DMN (38) 20 Oct, Rawls, NYT (with Blakey rebuttal)
 (39) 20 Oct Golz in DMN (40) 20 Oct, AP in El Paso Times
 (41) 21 Oct Columbus Dispatch - Marguerite Oswald thinks it's 'asinine'
 (42) 21 Oct Atlanta Journal - wire reports on Petty press conference
 (43) 21 Oct AP in SFX, "FBI chief suspected spy posed as Oswald" (1960 memo)
 (44) 22 Oct UPI from Fort Worth - Marguerite ridicules theory
 (45) 23 Oct DMN "Court to hear appeal on Oswald"
 (46) 25 Oct Golz (DMN) [2 pp.] "Mortician says body ... would be in good condition"
 (47) 29 Oct UPI (SJM) Rebuttals by Blakey and Earl Rose
 (48) 2 Nov AMA News - Peerwani (Ft. Worth) says LHO won't be exhumed
 (49) 12 Nov From Seattle - Rose sure it was LHO

[The 11/22/79 issue of Penn's newsletter (TCI) includes 7 pp. of Eddowes clips.]



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- (50) Sep 79 Grassy Knoll Gazette [14 pp. total; 2 pp. are #11 supra]
Truby, Cutler, book reviews, etc.

Reviews of Tom Powers' book on Helms: (51) Schorr; (52) Robert Sherrill [3 pp.; includes Priscilla McM. review of Sullivan] (53) Richard Harwood [2 pp.].

My own opinion (based on a partial reading): very readable, thoughtful, and thought-provoking. These people - not just the Harvey types, but the Helms types - frighten me a lot more than they do Powers. Must reading, especially on the plots against Castro.

Additional clippings, of not-too-general interest:

- (54) ? ? [10 pp.] "World Anti-Communist League," by C. Goldman
(Remember Spas T. Raikin?)
- (55) 1972 Atlantic [13 pp.] "The Government is Watching," by Thomas Powers
- (56) Vol. 2 #1-2 Public Eye [1 p.] Re Sullivan death; quotes Goldberg & Yazijian
- (57) 9 Aug 79 Miami Herald [1 p.] "Bosch's Defense in Plane-Bomb Trial Tries to Prove Venezuelan Frame-Up"
- (58) 10 Aug 79 M. Herald [1 p.] "Police Probe Bonanno Ties to Canada Cheese Industry"
- (59) 12 Aug 79 UPI in MH [1 p.] Colby discounts links between Jaffe and USSR
- (60) 8 Sep 79 Nation [4 pp.] "The Wiretap Decade" (by Herman Schwartz)
- (61) 9 Sep 79 WPost [6 pp.] "The Journalist Out In the Cold" (re Sam Jaffe)
- (62) 9 Sep 79 Chic. Trib. [?] [5 pp.] P. Goldman and one of the killers, re Malcolm X
- (63) 15 Sep 79 ? [1 p.] Mob probe stymied by lost [Chicago police] files
- (64) 21 Sep 79 DMN [1 p.] Wm Murchison review of Robert Morris book, "Self Destruct: Dismantling America's Internal Security"
- (65) 23 Sep 79 AP [1 p.] Hale Boggs mystery reopened (someone thinks he's alive!)
- (66) 25 Sep 79 New Solidarity (USLP) [4 pp.] "Perminex: Military-Industrial Complex Ike Warned Against"
- * (67) 26 Sep 79 Phila. Bulletin [3 pp.] Daughen & Farmer on Paisley (Part 4 of 5 only)
- (68) 13 Nov 79 NYT [2 pp.] "Voice 'Lie Detectors' Decried as Unscientific" (Browne)
- (69) 22 Nov 79 WP [1 p.] "(Powers book) Report of High CIA Tipster Stirs Furor in India"

[Thanks for clippings to: Earl Golz (#3), Peter Scott (19,29), Tony Summers (21), Russ Stetler (25,48,68), Jeff Goldberg (28), Wayne Liao (32,35), Gary Owens (41), and especially Ted Rubinstein (1,2,4-8,10,13,16,20-1,23-4,26-31,34,37-40,42,45-7,51-67).]
[See your name in print - send clippings!]

Disclaimers: because of time pressures, I haven't listed most of the stuff from the S.F. Chronicle which I have clipped. As always, my ratings are quick and subjective.